

Table 88. Home health care patients, according to age, sex, and diagnosis: United States, selected years 1992–98

[Data are based on a survey of current home health care patients]

<i>Age, sex, and diagnosis</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1998</i>
Number of current patients				
Total home health care patients	1,232,200	1,889,327	2,427,483	1,881,768
Patients per 10,000 population				
Total	47.8	71.8	90.6	69.6
Age at interview:				
Under 65 years, crude	12.6	21.0	27.8	25.0
65 years and over, crude	295.4	424.9	526.3	375.7
65 years and over, age adjusted ¹	315.8	449.6	546.6	381.0
65–74 years	151.7	209.1	240.1	202.0
75–84 years	398.3	542.2	753.6	470.3
85 years and over	775.9	1,206.1	1,253.4	885.4
Sex:				
Male, total	32.6	47.8	60.9	47.9
Under 65 years, crude	10.9	17.8	22.1	22.9
65 years and over, crude	219.2	303.1	386.4	255.2
65 years and over, age adjusted ¹	255.8	350.0	438.3	277.6
65–74 years	121.8	169.9	187.0	159.7
75–84 years	322.0	427.5	598.7	321.4
85 years and over	635.2	893.1	1,044.3	653.0
Female, total	62.4	94.7	118.9	90.4
Under 65 years, crude	14.3	24.2	33.6	27.0
65 years and over, crude	347.4	508.9	623.9	460.4
65 years and over, age adjusted ¹	351.5	506.6	615.0	445.8
65–74 years	175.3	240.6	283.2	236.3
75–84 years	445.3	614.5	854.0	568.8
85 years and over	830.7	1,327.6	1,337.0	981.7
Percent distribution				
Age at interview: ²				
Under 65 years	23.1	25.7	27.0	31.3
65 years and over	76.9	74.3	73.0	68.7
65–74 years	22.6	20.6	18.4	19.7
75–84 years	33.9	31.2	35.3	29.9
85 years and over	20.4	22.4	19.4	19.1
Sex:				
Male	33.2	32.5	32.9	33.6
Female	66.8	67.5	67.1	66.4
Primary admission diagnosis: ³				
Malignant neoplasms	5.7	5.7	4.8	3.8
Diabetes	7.7	8.1	8.5	6.1
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs	6.3	8.0	5.8	7.6
Diseases of the circulatory system	25.9	27.2	25.6	23.6
Diseases of heart	12.6	14.3	10.9	12.3
Cerebrovascular diseases	5.8	6.1	7.8	5.1
Diseases of the respiratory system	6.6	6.1	7.7	7.9
Decubitus ulcers	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.2
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	9.4	8.3	8.8	8.3
Osteoarthritis	2.5	2.8	3.2	2.7
Fractures, all sites	3.8	3.7	3.3	4.0
Fracture of neck of femur (hip)	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.1
Other	32.7	31.8	34.6	37.5

¹Age adjusted by the direct method to the year 2000 standard population using the following three age groups: 65–74 years, 75–84 years, and 85 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

²Denominator excludes persons with unknown age.

³Denominator excludes persons with unknown diagnosis.

NOTES: Current home health care patients are those who were under the care of their agency on any given day during the survey period. Rates are based on the civilian population as of July 1. Population figures are adjusted for net underenumeration using the 1990 National Population Adjustment Matrix from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Diagnostic categories are based on the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification*. For a listing of the code numbers, see Appendix II, table IX.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Home and Hospice Care Survey.